

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 11-13, 15, 17 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,592,664 (hereinafter "Starkey").

"To anticipate a claims, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Independent claims 1, 15, 22, and 25 of the present application include limitations not disclosed or taught by Starkey. As a result, independent claims 1, 15, 22, and 25 are not anticipated by Starkey.

In particular, applicant's claims, as amended, include the limitation, or a limitation similar there to, of: "obtaining exclusive use of a system event log in a host system from among a set of system management applications; . . . ." (emphasis added). (Applicant's claim 1).

Starkey, however, does not disclose nor suggest the limitation of obtaining exclusive use of a system event log in a host system from among a set of system management applications, as claimed by applicant. Rather, Starkey, is limited to disclosing a single event manager obtaining exclusive, compared to one of a set of applications obtaining exclusivity, as claimed by applicant.

This step also gives the event manager 24 exclusive access to that event table 25 and allows the event manager 24 to receive various addresses and other information (step 153). (Starkey, col. 15, lines 48-50).

Therefore, in view of applicant's independent claims including limitations that are not disclosed nor suggested by Starkey, applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Starkey.

In addition, the remaining claims depend from one of the independent claims as discussed above, and therefore include similar limitations, and as a result are also not anticipated by Starkey.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

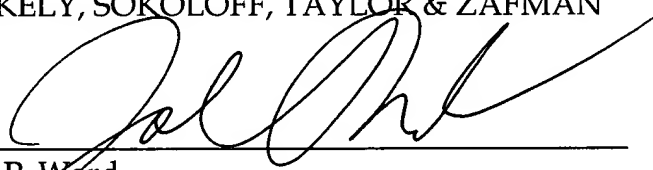
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Respectfully submitted,

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